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SUBJ: JAPANESE- SOVIET TALKS ON TYUMEN OIL

1. JAPANESE ECON COUNSELOR INFORMED US APRIL 12 THAT FOUR- MAN NEGOTIATING TEAM FROM TOKYO PRESENTLY IN MOSCOW FOR PRELIMINARY TALKS ON GENERAL AGREEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF TYUMEN OIL. TEAM LED BY DIRECTOR HIGAKI OF OVERSEAS PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (OPDC) ARRIVED APRIL 7 AND WILL REMAIN UNTIL NEXT WEEK. TALKS BEING HELD PRIMARILY WITH FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER SEMICHASTNOV. NO VISIT TO TYUMEN FIELDS FORESEEN.

2. COUNSELOR STATED THAT OPDC HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FINAL OKAY ON CREDITS FROM JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, BUT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL BE FORTHCOMING ONCE ALL DETAILS OF AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT SATISFACTORILY. HE DID NOT PROVIDE FIGURES ON PROJECTED ANNUAL PRODUCTION, BUT ALLUDED TO PRESS REPORTS OF FROM 40 TO 50 MILLION TONS PER YEAR. COUNSELOR ALSO CONFIRMED NEW PIPELINE FOR OIL WOULD BE BUILT FROM IRKUTSK TO NAKHODKA, AND INDICATED THAT JAPANESE GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL LINE, PARALLEL TO PRESENT PIPELINE, FROM TYUMEN SOURCE TO IRKUTSK.

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